

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 – 32 are rejected.

Claims 1, 13 and 22 are currently amended.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1 - 32 are rejected over a mosaic of four citations, Iwatsuki, Codos, Rasmussen and Rezanka.

In response independent claims 1, 13 and 22 have been amended to recite that there are two parallel printing tables that move side by side and independently. The advantages of this are that the machine can print textiles on one tray during the time taken by the operator to set the other tray. This leads to substantial savings in time since, unlike paper, textiles have to be carefully laid out on the printing tray. Conventional machines suffer from considerable lengths of time in which the machine is idle while the textiles are being set out on the tray.


The Examiner cites Fig. 6 of Morita against the recitation of the two trays. The present amendment, which defines that the motion is side by side, is believed to overcome the rejection because Morita teaches parallel motion between two trays which move forward along an upper path and backwards along a return path.

Claims 1, 13 and 22 are thus believed to be inventive since none of the citations teach that the parallel motion should be side by side. Neither do any of these citations hint at such side by side motion.

The remaining claims are believed to be allowable as being dependent on allowable main claims.

All of the matters raised by the Examiner have been dealt with and are believed to have been overcome. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are allowable over the cited reference. No new matter is added by the present amendments. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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